(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to simplify the transfer procedure and reduce the fees in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Distribution of power is regulated by the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission. Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has informed that *vide* their regulation dated 19th August, 2002 on Metering & Billing the Commission has prescribed the procedure for transfer of ownership of connection and advance consumption deposit on the basis of sanctioned load as per details given below:

(All figures in Rs./Kw)

Category	Approved rates
Domestic	600
Non-Domestic (single Phase)	1500
Non-Domestic (Three Phase)	1500
Industrial	1500
Agriculture	300

In case of transfer of ownership to the legal heir, no such deposit is charged.

New Power Tariff Policy

3153. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are preparing a new power tariff policy for the country;

(b) if so, does it not dilute the Electricity Act, 2003;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have scaled down the power generation target from 41,110 MW to 36,956 MW;

(d) the reasons for bringing it down;

(e) whether the new tariff policy has anything to do with power generation target; and

(f) how the new tariff helps in saving electricity, supply of power to consumers at reasonable rates and reducing the shortage of power?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Based on review of the progress of development of the originally identified as well as additional identified projects, various clearances and fuel linkages, as per the Mid-Term Appraisal for 10th Plan, the capacity addition target was fixed at 36,959 as compared to the original target of 41,110 MW.

(e) and (f) The draft tariff policy aims at ensuring availability of electricity to consumers at reasonable and competitive rates, financial viability of the sector and also attracting necessary investments.

Tariff Plan

3154. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that by the proposed tariff plan, Government is going to incorporate crucial changes, whereby new power plants, especially those set up by the private sector will not require to follow the cost plus formula for determining the tariffs;

(b) whether the policy can also make the public sector companies to follow competitive market driven tariff structure for the incremental capacity addition to their existing plan;

(c) whether the Committee of Secretaries has finalized the proposed policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of section 3 of the Electricity